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SUBJECT: LIBYAN STUDENT VISA APPLICANTS SPONSORED BY LIBYAN  
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION (LAEC)

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1. DELAY IN ISSUING VISAS TO LAEC APPLICANTS HAS QUICKLY  
COME TO ATTENTION OF FONOFF. DIRECTOR FOR AMERICAS  
(ASSISTANT SECRETARY EQUIVALENT) TAJ AL JARBI SUMMONED ME  
AFTERNOON APR 26 TO ASK WHY LIBYAN STUDENTS HAD BEEN DENIED  
US VISAS AND WHAT WERE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF DENIAL.  
I ANSWERED (1) THAT DENIAL HAD NOT OCCURRED, (2) THAT  
PROCEDURAL DIFFICULTIES PROBABLY ACCOUNTED FOR DELAY  
(I.E., I-20 FORMS HAD EXPIRED OR WERE EXPIRING) AND (3)  
THAT I HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS ON POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS.  
I EMPHASIZED NECESSITY FOR VISA APPLICANTS TO CONFORM TO  
ALL PERTINENT US LAWS AND REGULATIONS. JARBI AGREED BUT  
HOPED IMPORTANT CULTURAL LINKS COULD BE MAINTAINED AND THAT  
BRIDGES FOR FUTURE BE KEPT OPEN.

2. RAPIDITY WITH WHICH I WAS SUMMONED (A FEW HOURS AFTER  
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FIRST BATCH OF STUDENTS WERE INFORMED OF DELAYS IN GRANTING  
OF VISAS) SUGGESTS LIBYANS NERVOUSLY AWAITING FOR NEXT  
SHOE TO DROP IN WHAT THEY SEE AS EVOLUTION OF MORE  
HOSTILE US POLICY TOWARD LIBYA (TRIPOLI 0597 STADIS  
FOR NEA). IT ALSO SUGGESTS THAT THIS GROUP OF STUDENTS  
ENJOYS SUPPORT IN HIGH PLACES.

3. WE ARE AWARE OF SENSITIVITY TO PROVIDING "NUCLEAR TRAINING" TO STUDENTS FROM QADHAFI'S LIBYA. AT SAME TIME AS POINTED OUT IN TRIPOLI 611, THIS GROUP CONSISTS ENTIRELY OF YOUNGSTERS SEEKING ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING AND SUBSEQUENT ENTRY INTO UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGE SCIENCE COURSES. THEY ARE UNLIKELY TO BE NUCLEAR ASSETS TO LIBYA FOR SOME TIME IF EVER. A POSSIBLE COMPROMISE MIGHT BE TO ISSUE SINGLE ENTRY LIMITED ENTRY VISAS (INSTEAD OF 4 YEAR MULTIPLE ENTRY NOW AUTHORIZED).

4. ON OTHER HAND IF DEPT PLANS TO LIMIT ENTRY OF CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF LIBYAN STUDENTS (WHICH WE SUSPECT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO ADMINISTER) I WILL QUICKLY NEED INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPOND TO FURTHER FONOFF INQUIRIES. IF WE DECIDE TO DO IT IN FRANKLY POLITICAL CONTEXT, I WOULD HOPE FOR MORE DETAILED GUIDANCE ON WIDESPREAD OBJECTIONS IN US TO LIBYAN SUPPORT FOR TERRORISM AND SOME INDICATION WHAT FUTURE, IF ANY, THERE IS IN BILATERAL RELATIONS.

5. DEPT SHOULD ALSO KEEP IN MIND THAT FROM LIBYAN POINT OF VIEW VALUE OF US EMBASSY IN TRIPOLI (BESIDES PROVIDING BODIES FOR AIRPORT GREETINGS AND STATE DINNERS) IS NOW PRETTY MUCH LIMITED TO PROVISION OF VISAS FOR LIBYAN STUDENTS AND BUSINESSMEN. IF THESE SERVICES DROP OFF, LIBYAN INTEREST IN CONTINUED US PRESENCE AND FACADE OF CORRECT RELATIONS COULD DIMINISH.  
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